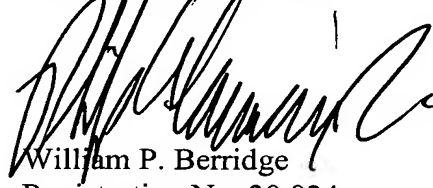


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-12 have been cancelled and replaced with claims 13-23.

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